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Summary: When last left off in the book Amir ran away and did not attempt to save Hassan from the beatings by Assef. Hassan was later found and Amir never spoke of what he saw. Amir ignores Hassan because he is unsure if Hassan knows that he saw everything and did not do a thing to stop it. Amir continues to ignore him and guilt is starting to eat away at Amir. Thoughts circled Amir everyday of wishing that someone knew what had happended that way he would not have to live in guilt. He states, “a part of me was hoping someone would wake up and hear, so I wouldn’t have to live with this lie anymore” (pg 86). Hassan has no clue why Amir ignores him, he is clueless. Hassan states, “I wish you’d tell me. I don’t know why we don’t play anymore…You can tell me I’ll stop doing it” (pg 88) Ammir assumes Hassan knows that he didn’t save him, when really he probably doesn’t have a clue. Amirs guilt is mentally destroying him throughout this part of the book. He starts to drift away from Hassan in an effort to try and forget about his guilt. When that doesn’t work, Amir asks Baba for new servants because he cant stand the guilt he feels. Baba is very disspaointed and angry at Amir because he has been close to Ali and Hassan and would never wish them away. In order to get what he wants, Amir frames Hasssan by putting money and a watch under Hassans pillow to make it seem as if Hassan stole it. When Hassan confronts Baba he tells him he stole it, when he really didn’t. After he admits this Hassan and Ali state that they must leave and not continue to be their servants any longer. Baba unsure of why this is happening sobs and begs for them to stay. Amirs is going insane and starts to wonder if Hassan found out that Amir did not save him, and wonders if Ali knows as well. Hassan and Ali leave and are not in contact with Amir and Baba anymore. Eventually Baba and Amir go to America. Baba works six days a week to try and provide a great life for Amir like they once had. Everything Baba had worked for back at home is now gone as they start a new life and new adjustments. Amir soon graduates high school and Baba is overjoyed. However, Baba refrences Hassan he says, “I wish Hassan had been with us today” (pg 133). This made Amir feel uncomfortable and it set the mood that things are not in the past and Amirs guilt is still there.

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Application: When understanding human nature, most people think that a father and a sons relationship is strong. However, Baba and Amirs relationship continues to be a struggle. Amir starts to bond with Baba in this part. Baba is paying more attention to Amirs life. He is listening to AMirs stories, including him with adult conversations, and spending more time with Amir. Amir knew the bonding would soon end. Which it did due to Babas busy career. However, their bond also ended because they never had a strong bond to begin with. The only reason they were pushing it was because Baba noticed Amir since he won the kite competition. Before hand, Amir never did anything that stuck out to him and made him notice him. So, when understanding human nature one notices that certain bonds do not always match like they are supposed to. When understanding human roles and behavior, Amirs human nature is to hide behind the truth. Amir felt guilt about not saving Hassan. In order for this guilt to leave he brings Hassan to a hill and beats him. Afterwards he provokes Hassan to do the same. Amirs human behavior is different than Hassan. Hassan human nature is socially quiet but he is very loyal to Amir. Amir lies and hides from his fears. His human roles and behavior is to always make sure he doesn’t disappoint his father since he inspires to get attention from him. Amir continues the bad human behavior of ditching Hassan that way people do not judge him for talking to a Hazara. . Amir cant be with Hassan because of his guilt. Amirs human nature is to avoid a problem. Instead of talking to Hassan and act like nothing ever happened, he makes a big deal and avoids talking to Hassan. He even frames Hassan so he leaves and isn’t his servant anymore. Amirs behavior is starting to change in this part. Amir is begging to believe that he must pick a side, either be friends with Pashtuns and be treated with respect, or be friends with Hazaras and be made fun of. His behavior is starting to change because he would rather be seen with Pashtuns, meaning he has to ditch Hassan as a friend, making Amir a disloyal friend. When understanding human ideals, parents seek perfection within their children. Baba would rather have Amir go to medical or law school. He is worried that Amir will fail if he choses to persue in writing. Baba wants to see Amir succeed, he does not want to see him fail. Amir on the other hand would rather do what he wants to do. Amirs human ideal is that he wants to do what he wants. Amir does not care if he fails as long as he knows that he gave it his best effort. This is why Baba and Amir are so different, they have different human ideals. Another example of human ideal is that most people prefer perfection. Most people do not approve of Pashtuns marrying Hazaras. Rahminkhan says, “it was Homaira and me against the world. In the end, the world always wins”(pg 9). Rahminkhan told Amir that people still do not approve Pashtuns and Hazaras being classifived as one. Humans seek perfection espically in relationships. In this situation, Pashtuns human ideals is that they should marry within their social class. Rahimkhans human ideal is to have harmony so he didn’t marry a Hazara because he knew his girlfriend would have a burutal life filled with criticism. Rahimkhan human ideals is to be an open and loyal person who will not change his believes for someone else. His talk with Amir is ironic because it was an awakening to Amir that he should not defriend Hassan because of his different social class. Rahimkhan unknowingly was using his human ideals and trying to enforce them unto Amir.